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Portland band Anita Lee and the Handsome Three play their unique blend of psychedelic country at the 10th annual Juniper Jam held at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds on Sept. 1.

Juniper Jam ready to spread sweet music in Enterprise

Headliners include Bart Budwig and the Dodgy Mountain Men

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The annual Juniper Jam is on deck for Saturday, Aug. 31. Billed as “The Sweetest Little Music Festival in Eastern Oregon, this year’s extravaganza features two stages of live original music and a dozen music acts as well as buskers roaming the grounds.

The multi-faceted festival will also showcase artisans as well as a variety of food booths. The festival is the principal fundraiser for the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance.

Festival and alliance director, Janis Carper, said this year’s offering should please just about any music palette.

“One thing I’m really excited about is the cross-pollination of bands this year,” Carper said. “This year we have some pretty exciting incidences of that.” For example she noted local musician, Bart Budwig’s band, which has members who also play in other bands.

Buskers, a relatively new feature, will play acoustic music sets throughout the



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The Blackberry Bushes songwriter and guitarist Jes Raymond belts it out at the 2015 Juniper Jam. The five-piece band includes fiddle virtuoso Jakob Breitbach.

grounds when the gate opens and before the acts start.

“It’s a nice way to fill the void while people are wandering in slowly and checking things out,” Carper said. “You need to have music going, because you can’t have recorded music playing.”

In addition to the music, the festival offers other amenities. About a half-dozen artisan booths will populate the grounds as well as about the same number of food vendors, mostly local. The alliance is selling beverages, including beer and wine, etc. “I like to boost the art end

of it,” Carper said. “It adds so much when it’s local people showing off their stuff.”

Several of the musicians have played the festival before while others have played at other county venues.

“We try to mix it up,” Carper said. “We don’t usually do two years in a row with the same act, but we do have bands back that have developed a following out here.”

With bands ranging in areas from Montana, Colorado, Oregon and New Mexico, Carper said the festival offers something for everybody.

“We have a good mix of styles,” Carper said. “It will be fun.”

To insure a good time, do not bring coolers, pets or alcohol beverages. It is suggested to bring sunscreen, layered clothing, blankets, lawn chairs and a good attitude.

Pre-concert tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the gate while kids 12 and under are free. Tickets are available at Joseph Hardware, the Dollar Stretcher in Enterprise and the Bookloft in Enterprise. Online, tickets are available at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4291021>. The gates open at 11 a.m. with the buskers starting at the same time. The festival ends at approximately 10 p.m.

‘A River Runs Through Us’ documents the wild Lostine

Exhibit at Joseph Center runs through Sept. 9

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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Friday, Aug. 2, the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph opened the doors to its new exhibit: “A River Runs Through Us: The Art and Words of the Wild Lostine.” With 40 paintings and photographs, along with videos, sculptures, and poetry, the exhibit provides a portrait of a diverse and wild place, where river, forest, geology, and wildlife abound. The art and words of the exhibit are captured in the exhibit catalogue, which is available at the Joseph Center for \$20.

Prior to the exhibit opening, the artists provided a tour and interpretations of their works. “I wanted to capture places where people often spend time,” said photographer Rick McKewan. “So I went to the Pole Bridge and decided to make that the place for my work.” McKewan’s black and white images include one of the Lostine River’s torrents pouring through the rocky, forested gorge, and another of a small water ouzel that was dashing into the fast-moving waters to catch dinner. “If I tried that, I’d be washed away,” McKewan said. The two images, along with a poem, will be a part of a forthcoming exhibit of McKewan’s black and white images, along with those



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Photographer Rick McKewan talks about his work at the opening of the Joseph Center exhibit “A River Runs Through Us: The Art and Words of the Wild Lostine.”

of Adele Buttolph.

Kai Oliver’s painting focuses on the more quiet water of a tributary stream. “I just wanted to find a place where I could sit and find peace,” he said. “The little stream, just up from its confluence with the Lostine, seemed perfect.”

Rick Bombaci took a somewhat different tack in his exhibit—a four-minute video of just the Lostine River’s rushing water. “I wanted to see whether, in an age of electronics and cell phones and distractions, we still had the patience to just sit and watch the river for 4 minutes without thinking about texting or a phone call or the internet,” he said. The video is hypnotic. No-one who watches it remembers that there is such a thing as a cell phone—or anything else — for those four minutes.

The exhibit will remain open until September 9.



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Artist Leslie LeViner explains how she observed and captured the changing course of the river and its sand bars in her painting at the Joseph Center’s Wild Lostine art exhibit.



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Schedule of Events

Friday August 16th

9am

Registration Starts at Main Street Motors

2pm

Cruise to Imnaha Store and Tavern

(meet behind the grocery store in Joseph)

SIGN UP in Imnaha for a WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO giveaway (value \$239)

5pm - 8pm

Music in Warde Park (Main St. & 2nd in Enterprise)

Casey Kiser and the Jakewalk Saints

Food and Drink Vendors Available

Saturday August 17th

7am

Registration Continues at Main Street Motors

7am

Parking for Show & Shine Begins

7am - 10am

Elks Breakfast Fundraiser at Main Street Motors

9am-ish

National Anthem - Randy Morgan & Jessie Borgerding

Flags - Eagle Cap VFW Post #4307

9am - 3pm

SHOW AND SHINE

Main Street in Enterprise

2:30pm

Awards on Main Street in Enterprise

After Awards

Cruise By Local Senior Homes

(map in Goodie Bag or at Information Booth)

FYI -- Many of you know Bill Harris. Well guess what? He will be displaying his RV Toterhome racecar transporter, plus two racecars, at this year’s event. Our own Stangel Industries fabricated his Kenworth T-600 in 2010 making it what Bill says is unique even in the racing world where there are many Toterhomes. And while it is being displayed we will be holding a raffle for a High Performance Driving Course at the north Portland race track (PIR), donated by Pro Driving Racing School.

Come On Down and Join In the Fun **THIS WEEKEND**

